

MINUTES OF BENTON COUNTY QUORUM COURT

January 22, 2015

A regular meeting of the Benton County Quorum Court was held on Thursday, January 22, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the Benton County Administration Building, 215 East Central Avenue, Bentonville, Arkansas, pursuant to proper call and notice.

County Judge Robert D. Clinard called the meeting to order.

Quorum Court Coordinator Janet Reaves called roll as follows:

15 JPs Present: Easley, Shadlow, J. Harrison, Allen, K. Harrison, Adams, Jones, Sandlin, Anglin, Chiocco, Curry, Leadabrand, Moore, Meyers, Moehring

A legal quorum was present.

The presiding officer led the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Pastor Nate Sweeny of Catalyst Church led the prayer.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:

None

MINUTES:

JP J. Harrison made motion to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2014 Quorum Court meeting as distributed, seconded by JP Sandlin.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Minutes approved.

ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS:

None

COUNTY JUDGE'S REPORT:

County Judge Bob Clinard reported that: 1) the Courthouse roof is complete and the final walk thru is next week; 2) the first step of bringing the new court facility to reality was held January 15, 2015 when the Committee of the Whole toured the courts facility and viewed a Power Point presentation by the Circuit Court judges illustrating the courthouse in use on a daily basis. He stated that a detailed "plan of action" for consideration will be presented at the Public Safety committee meeting to be held on January 27, 2015; 3) a plan to improve roads leading into the new Bentonville West High School in Centerton has been developed, and they will be meeting

with the Arkansas Highway Transportation Department to further discuss important intersections; 4) weather has delayed completion of the remaining flood-damaged roads, and work will be complete by the end of February, weather permitting; 5) a thorough study of options concerning the War Eagle Bridge has begun.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

JP Allen reported that a Finance Committee meeting was held December 04, 2014 and that revenue was much better than projected.

Comptroller Brenda Guenther reported that they are looking at a surplus of over two million.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

JP J. Harrison made motion to suspend the rules and read all ordinances and resolutions by title only, seconded by JP Carr.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS

- (A) Second Reading of Proposed Ordinance Setting the Penalty for Delinquent Timber Taxes; Sponsor: JP Barry Moehring

County Attorney George Spence read the proposed ordinance by title only.

JP Moehring made motion to adopt, seconded by JP Sandlin.

There being no discussion, a roll call vote was recorded as follows:

15 Yeas: Easley, Shadlow, J. Harrison, Allen, K. Harrison, Adams,
Jones, Sandlin, Anglin, Chiocco, Curry, Leadabrand, Moore, Meyers,
Moehring

Second reading passed.

- (B) Second Reading of Proposed Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. O-2014-24 to set the Per Diem Compensation for Justices of the Peace Attending Meetings of the Quorum Court; Sponsor: JP Joel Jones

County Attorney George Spence read the proposed ordinance by title only.

JP Jones stated that this ordinance is to increase the per-diem for all meetings by \$25.00, and made motion to approve, seconded by JP K. Harrison.

There being no further discussion, a roll call vote was recorded as follows:

11 Yeas: Easley, Shadlow, K. Harrison, Adams,
Jones, Sandlin, Chiocco, Curry, Carr, Moore, Meyers,
4 Nays: J. Harrison, Allen, Anglin, Moehring

Second reading passed.

NEW BUSINESS

- (A) Proposed Appropriation Ordinance Amending Appropriation Ordinance No. O-2013-83 (2014 Benton County Budget) Authorizing a Transfer of Funds between Categories and Line Items, Appropriating Additional Monies and Authorizing Additional Expenditures in Various Funds and Departments to Balance Out the Year 2014; Sponsor JP Joel Jones.

County Attorney George Spence read the proposed appropriation ordinance by title only.

JP Jones stated that this appropriation ordinance request is a cleanup ordinance for the 2014 budget and is to transfer funds between categories and line items in various funds and departments, and made motion to approve, seconded by JP J. Harrison.

There being no further discussion, a roll call vote was recorded as follows:

15 Yeas: Easley, Shadlow, J. Harrison, Allen, K. Harrison, Adams,
Jones, Sandlin, Anglin, Chiocco, Curry, Leadabrand, Moore, Meyers,
Moehring

Appropriation Ordinance duly adopted and assigned **No. O-2015-01.**

- (B) Proposed Appropriation Ordinance Amending Appropriation Ordinance No. O-2014-84 (2015 Benton County Budget) Appropriating Additional Monies and Authorizing Additional Expenditures in Department 0400, Sheriff's Office, Fund 1000; Sponsor: JP Barry Moehring.

County Attorney George Spence read the proposed appropriation ordinance by title only.

JP Moehring made motion to adopt, seconded by JP Jones.

There being no discussion, a roll call vote was recorded as follows:

15 Yeas: Easley, Shadlow, J. Harrison, Allen, K. Harrison, Adams,
Jones, Sandlin, Anglin, Chiocco, Curry, Leadabrand, Moore, Meyers,
Moehring

Appropriation Ordinance duly adopted and assigned **No. O-2015-02.**

- (C) Proposed Appropriation Ordinance Amending Appropriation Ordinance No. O- 2014-84 (2015 Benton County Budget) To Amend *Schedule 1-Revenues Department 0000*, to Increase an Existing Revenue Line in Department 0200, Road, and to Appropriate Additional Monies and Authorize Additional Expenditures Therein; Sponsor: JP Allen.

County Attorney George Spence read the proposed appropriation ordinance by title only.

JP Allen made motion to adopt, seconded by JP Jones.

There being no discussion, a roll call vote was recorded as follows:

15 Yeas: Easley, Shadlow, J. Harrison, Allen, K. Harrison, Adams, Jones, Sandlin, Anglin, Chiocco, Curry, Leadabrand, Moore, Meyers, Moehring

Appropriation Ordinance duly adopted and assigned **No. O-2015-03**.

Other Business

None

Announcements

JP Joel Jones announced that a Public Safety/Justice Facility Committee meeting will be held Tuesday, January 27, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

JP Kevin Harrison announced that a Legislative Committee meeting will be held Monday, February 02, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

County Attorney George Spence announced that a Grievance Council meeting will be held Tuesday, February 3, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the role and procedures of the Grievance Council.

County Judge Bob Clinard introduced Department of Emergency Management Director Robert McGowen and announced that Robert was voted by the Elected Officials to be named Employee of the Year 2014.

County Judge Bob Clinard recognized former JPs Rey Hernandez and Mike McKenzie and presented them with an award in Appreciation for their service to the county.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the court, upon motion and second the meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tena O'Brien
County Clerk
Prepared by Janet Reaves